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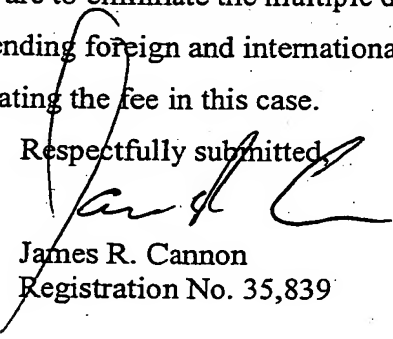
15. (amended) A radial sealing ring assembly (8) according to claim 8 characterised in that the apertures or holes are from 0.5mm to 2.0mm deep.

16. (amended) A radial sealing ring assembly (8) according to claim 8 characterised in that the apertures or holes are preferably substantially the same size and shape.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the foregoing amendments, which are made to the application on the presumption that the application is amended to the form indicated on the attached amended sheets submitted by Applicant in connection with the PCT application. The amendments made herein are to eliminate the multiple dependency of certain claims and to claim priority from pending foreign and international applications. Please enter this amendment prior to calculating the fee in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

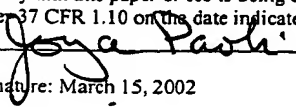

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Please insert the following paragraph at page 1 after the title:

--Related Applications

This application claims priority from PCT Application GB00/03457, filed 15 September 2000, which claims priority from British Application No. 9921791.1, filed 16 September 1999. These disclosures are hereby incorporated by reference herein in their entireties.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims.

11. (amended) A radial sealing ring assembly (8) according to [claims 8 or 9] claim 8 characterised in that the apertures or holes are arranged in a regular pattern.
15. (amended) A radial sealing ring assembly (8) according to [claims 8 or 9] claim 8 characterised in that the apertures or holes are from 0.5mm to 2.0mm deep.
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